

Scolt Head and District Common Rightholders' Association

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Minutes for a Committee meeting held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday 16th June 2023 at Burnham Overy Staithe Village Hall

SH&DCRA

287
COMMON
RIGHOLDERS

Held on

CL 65
CL 161
CL 162
CL 124

To take:

Wildfowl
Fish
Seaweed
Samphire
Sand
Shingle
Shellfish
Sea Lavender
Estovers
Herbage
Fangle
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Reeds
Soil
Game

To graze;

Cattle
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With the ending of Covid restrictions SH&DCRA Committee meetings will again be open to all CRH, as required by the Constitution: *All Common Rightholders are entitled to attend Committee meetings but only Committee members are entitled to vote.*

1. Those Committee members present and apologies: Chris Cotton (Chair), Stephen Bocking (Vice Chair), Rod Cooke (Sec.), Peter Bickell, Tom Gathercole, Billy Scoles, Mark Cooke, Peter Hambro. Apologies from Gary and Edward Noyes, Michael Bucher.
2. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Chris Cotton prop. Stephen, sec. Billy; all agreed. Stephen Bocking prop. Rod, sec. Billy; all agreed.
3. Appointment of Secretary and Treasurer. Secretary Rod Cooke, prop. Chris, sec. Billy. Treasurer, Michael Bucher, prop. Rod, sec. Chris; all agreed.

It was also agreed by all at this point to confirm the four Trustees as: Chris Cotton, Peter Bickell, Tom Gathercole and Michael Bucher.

4. The minutes of the meeting of Friday 24th February 2023, draft minutes of which have been circulated to the Committee were agreed by all.

Peter Hambro declared an interest as a member of the RWNGC at this point.

5. Updates on matters arising and in hand discussed at the pre-AGM working party meet:
 - a) National Trails: A booklet concerning the boardwalk at Brancaster has been circulated by the National Trails Team. After some discussion it was agreed that the National Trails Team should be informed by the secretary that they must recognise that the boardwalk runs through an area of grazing marsh and has the associated risks involved.
 - b) National Trust: SH&DCRA representatives had attended the BCC meeting held on June 7th. They reported back that the meeting was very unsatisfactory with the NT again being objectionable towards common rightholders. It was noted again that no reply had been received from the NT concerning the issue of them not honouring the licence agreements. (This is in effect a "Breach of Contract".) Secretary to write to the NT again.
 - c) CL124 and the RWNGC – curtilage car park – action re two year notice to quit. Keep on agenda.

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d) Brancaster Parish Council and Beach Road Car Park receipts: Court action update. As this matter is still with the Court a brief statement was made to say that the legal team instructed by Brancaster Parish Council failed in their bid to have SH&DCRA Small Claim Court Action dismissed. SH&DCRA Committee will be meeting in camera after this meeting to discuss the next steps.

e) Holkham Estate, Burnham Overy Parish Council and BOHT: Land Registry and Tribunal hearing. Still waiting for a Hearing date.

f) BONWA and Brancaster Gun Clubs: Barristers report. SH&DCRA Committee members who attended the BONWA AGM reported back on what was described as a "shambles". The matter of £2,000 expenditure on a Barristers opinion concerning wildfowling over the commons was discussed. It was agreed that the Officers of BONWA and Brancaster Gun Clubs have no right to keep the content of the Barristers opinion secret from the gun club membership. It was agreed that the secretary write to both clubs stating that the information should be given to the membership of the clubs.

6. Treasurer's report: Item from AGM. The treasurer was absent so it was agreed that the secretary pay the hall booking invoice and claim the money back. Treasurers report format to the next agenda.

7. Correspondence Open Spaces Society re AGM. Noted that Edward Harris, instructed by SH&DCRA in the past, was used by the Open Spaces Society in a recent case which it won.

8. Reeves' reports: None

9. A.O.B.

a. Co-options on to the Committee: Three names were received and put forward for co-option by the secretary: Linda Beamish, John Short and Billy Clayton. Co-option prop. Chris, Sec. Stephen, all agreed.

b. Website: in the absence of the treasurer it was agreed – prop Chris, sec Stephen – the secretary look into getting more space for the website and to co-ordinate with Chris re costs.

10. Date and time of next meeting. TBA

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